GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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IGNOAPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for selection of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS);

(b) whether the Government has decided to lower the age limit of beneficiaries from 65 years to 60 years under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SAHU)

(a): The criteria for grant of old age pension under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) is that a person (male or female) should be 65 years or higher and belong to a household living below the poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.